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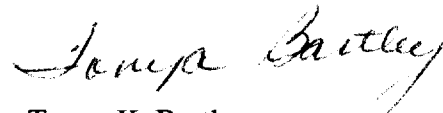
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**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Mr. Caton:

Attached is a letter to Chairman Hundt from the National Cable Television Association in the above-referenced proceeding for inclusion in the public record.

Sincerely,


Tonya K. Bartley

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:


The selection of a permanent administrator of the new universal service support fund is one of the most important tasks before the Federal Communications Commission. The creation of a Federal Advisory Committee, which broadly represents contributors, support recipients, and other interested parties, is the first step to ensure that a neutral, third-party administrator is ultimately selected. Therefore, we hope that the cable industry, as one of the key stakeholders, will be represented on the Federal Advisory Committee.

We applaud the FCC's decision to include a designee from the cable industry as member of the Universal Service Administrative Company board, and ask the FCC to appoint NCTA's nominee, Jim Coltharp, to the Federal Advisory Committee.

As you know, Mr. Coltharp is Senior Director, Public Policy of Comcast Corporation and has extensive experience with the cable, mass media, common carrier and wireless industries. Prior to joining Comcast, Mr. Coltharp served as Special Counsel to Commissioner Quello, and Special Advisor to Commissioner Barrett. In these respective roles, Mr. Coltharp was responsible for advising the commissioners on a wide range of common carrier, mass media and economic policy issues.

Based on his extensive qualifications and experience, the cable industry is pleased to nominate Mr. Coltharp as the cable industry's representative to the Federal Advisory Committee. We look forward to continuing to help the FCC in any way we can to implement the new universal service support mechanisms.

Sincerely,



Decker Anstrom

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JAMES R. COLTHARP
SENIOR DIRECTOR, PUBLIC POLICY
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James R. Coltharp has joined the Comcast Corporation as Senior Director, Public Policy. In this capacity his duties will include representing Comcast before the Federal Communications Commission and other federal agencies, as well as on Capitol Hill. He will be a member of Comcast Corporation's External Affairs Department, and will be resident in Comcast's Washington, D.C. office.

Mr. Coltharp previously served as Special Counsel to FCC Commissioner James H. Quello. In this role, Mr. Coltharp was responsible for advising Commissioner Quello regarding a range of telecommunications policy matters, with primary responsibilities for common carrier policy, cable television and mass media issues, as well as advising on various economic policy issues.

In his prior service at the FCC, Mr. Coltharp was appointed as Chief Economist in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau in September 1995. In June 1993, Coltharp was appointed to serve as Special Advisor in the Office of Commissioner Andrew C. Barrett, where he was principally responsible for common carrier, cable television, and telecommunications policy. Coltharp also served for three years at the FCC as an Industry Economist in the Policy and Rules Division of the Mass Media Bureau.

Commissioner James Quello said, "I am very pleased to welcome Jim as counsel on my staff, particularly given his policymaking experience concerning several communications industries. I expect that his breadth of expertise on cable and mass media issues, as well as in policy development for common carrier and wireless industries will be a great asset as we continue to implement the 1996 Telecommunications Act."

Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Coltharp was a member of the Department of Economics at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he received the university's Outstanding Teaching Award in 1990. Coltharp previously was a Vice President with Pacholder Associates, Inc., an investment management firm in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Coltharp received an M.A. in Economics as well as B.A. in Economics and Public Administration from Miami University.

Mr. Coltharp also founded and serves as a Director of the "Bright Lights" Tutoring Program at the Takoma Educational Center in the District of Columbia, serving 35 students in grades 4 through 6 in reading, mathematics, and personal enrichment.